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LOK SABHA

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PLANES SKIDDING OFF RUNWAY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of planes skidded off the runway have been increasing;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents at runways held in the past three years;

(c) whether the Government has investigated the exact cause due to which the planes skidded off the runways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such incidents do not occur in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- There have been no incidents of plane skidding off runway during the year 2005, whereas there were one and five incidents during the year 2006 and 2007 respectively though without any serious consequences.

(c) and (d):- Yes, Sir. All such incidents were investigated by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The major causes for planes skidding off runway as brought out after investigations are wet runway due to heavy rain, aqua planning, unstablised approach etc.

(e):- Various steps have been taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents which include introduction of friction test, regular runway inspection for water logging, reiteration of instructions to the pilots to execute proper and stablised approach, proper maintenance of runway marking and lighting system and sensitising all airlines and aerodrome operators about the cautions to be taken during monsoon.